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SUBJECT: LIMA CAR BOMBING

1. (U) SUMMARY: A CAR BOMB ATTACK AGAINST THE LIMA HEADQUARTERS OF CITIBANK THE MORNING OF AUGUST 24 CAPPED A WEEKEND OF INTENSE TERRORIST VIOLENCE. OTHER TARGETS INCLUDED AN ARMY INSTALLATION, THE UNION OFFICE OF PERUVIAN SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS, AND A CHAUFFEUR FROM THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY. MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE WERE INJURED. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE CITIBANK ATTACK OCCURRED AT 5:40 A.M. WHEN A CAR BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. THREE BYSTANDERS IN THE BLAST AREA WERE INJURED, AND SOME DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE BUILDING. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THE VEHICLE HAD BEEN PACKED WITH APPROXIMATELY 70 STICKS OF DYNAMITE. ALTHOUGH CITIBANK APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL TARGET, SEVERAL OTHER BANKS, INCLUDING BANCO DE LIMA, BANCO DE CREDITO, AND BANCO DE BRAZIL, HAVE OFFICES IN THE BUILDING.

3. (U) A CAR BOMB WAS ALSO USED TO ATTACK THE SIMON BOLIVAR ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN THE MIDDLE-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF PUEBLO LIBRE ON AUGUST 23. USING A LIGHT PICKUP TRUCK STOLEN EARLIER, TERRORISTS LOADED APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOS OF DYNAMITE INTO THE TRUCK AND LAUNCHED THE VEHICLE TOWARD THE HEADQUARTERS WITH A ROPE HOLDING THE STEERING WHEEL AND BRICKS ON THE ACCELERATOR. AFTER FIRING WARNING SHOTS, GUARDS FIRED INTO THE TRUCK. THE BOMB THEN IGNITED, DESTROYING THE TRUCK BUT DID NO FURTHER DAMAGE. THE TRUCK HAD BEEN STOLEN SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE

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ONE GUARD FROM THE SON OF [illegible] CONGRESSMAN [illegible] VICTOR [illegible] WAS TAKEN [illegible] THE TERRORISTS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. EVERYONE INVOLVED REALIZED HE WAS A CONGRESSMAN'S SON AND RELEASED HIM UNHARMED.

4. (U) THE EVENING OF AUGUST 22 SUSPECTS SHOT THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S CHAUFFEUR WHILE ATTEMPTING TO STEAL THE OFFICIAL VEHICLE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE CHAUFFEUR HAD JUST PARKED THE CAR NEAR A SHOPPING CENTER IN THE UPPER-CLASS AREA OF LA MOLINA WHEN THE ASSAILANTS ATTEMPTED TO GET THE KEYS FROM HIM. HE RESISTED AND WAS SHOT BY THE SUSPECT, WHO THEN FLED. (NOTE: A U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYEE OF THE EMBASSY WAS APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET FROM THE SCENE AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING.) EARLIER IN THE DAY, A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE RESTROOM OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS UNION IN DOWNTOWN LIMA. AT LEAST 30 PEOPLE WERE REPORTED INJURED, ALTHOUGH ONLY A FEW OF THEM SERIOUSLY.

5. (C) COMMENT: THE ATTACKS THIS WEEKEND ADDED TO LIMA'S GENERAL FEELING OF TURMOIL CAUSED BY THE PROPOSED BANK EXPROPRIATIONS. DIGCOTE SOURCES BELIEVE THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAR BOMBINGS AND THE MRTA FOR THE EXPLOSION IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS UNION. THE ATTACK AGAINST THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY CHAUFFEUR, ACCORDING TO DIGCOTE, WAS THE WORK OF COMMON CRIMINALS (WE HAVE OUR DOUBTS). BRUCE HENDERSON, HEAD OF CITIBANK, SAID THIS MORNING'S ATTACK WAS THE EIGHTH BOMBING OF A CITIBANK OFFICE IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS.
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